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Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre



At Wye Marsh you are standing in Canada's hardwood country. This was Iroquois territory, the land of maples and white pine, now mostly tamed and cleared to make prosperous farms.

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Canadian Wildlife Service,

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development



This Centre has only one purpose —
to give you the flavour, and some of the
special features, of the northern hardwood
region, especially as found in Wye
Marsh and its surroundings.



Let us show you new worlds
where few men enter.



Wood duck

The marsh is mysterious, a place of strange creatures.
The forest has shy animals and rare plants.
Even the fields are full of surprises.
You can explore these places with a little patience and perhaps a little help.
Let us help you.



There is much to see and much to do here. The daily program consists of:

- colourful exhibits
- live animals
- guided outdoor walks
- entertaining talks
- slide shows or movies
- wildlife interpreters to answer questions
- leaflets, booklets, and other aids
- self-guiding wildlife trails
- quiet hiding places for the camera hunter
- directions on where to see wild animals, unusual plants, good scenery, and other things worth seeing.

Open daily, June 1 to Labour Day,
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open irregularly at other times, and by appointment.

Fees: Adult 50¢ Child 25¢

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Canada's Hardwood Country

The northern hardwood forests are famous for their blaze of autumn colours, and for one of the best spring shows of forest wildflowers on earth.

From Lake of the Woods to Gaspé, this is a forest of sugar maple, yellow birch, beech, red maple, red oak, basswood, and other hardwood trees. Conifers such as white pine, hemlock, and white cedar can be common, proof that this forest is a northern one.

This is the land of beech nuts and maple syrup, where rail fences still zig-zag along old fields. Here grew the forests of large white pines, and here the lumberjack had his colourful era in rip-roaring times that destroyed the pines, and then moved on.



Much of this forest has vanished. Fields have replaced it, except where rough terrain or poor soils make agriculture impossible. Fragments of the old forest remain also as woodlots scattered throughout good agricultural areas.

This is woodcock country and ruffed grouse country. In this part of Canada look for gray squirrels and hazelnut bushes, rose-breasted grosbeaks and trilliums, woodchucks and red-shouldered hawks.

Canada's Hardwood Country is rich and fruitful. In it live more Canadians than in all the rest of Canada. It is a happy place to explore, and Wye Centre will help you explore it.



Astonishing Things

There was once a man who spent much time in woods and marshes looking and listening and writing things down.

And he was asked one day:

"Why waste your time where there is nothing? Come with us to where the life and action is. Let us show you how to fill your days with entertainment."

But he replied:

"Out here I see more action from more life than you have ever dreamed of. I find here more happy hours than any other place could ever give.

I need no help; it is I who can help you, for I explore a real world alive with endless drama. Come, I can show you astonishing things. There is no need to travel far, nor to resort to fiction and make-believe. You can see it all around you once I show you how."

Let Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre show you. That is why it is there.



Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre at Midland is centrally located in southern Ontario.



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